

## COVID-19 Spending: Known Data Limitations

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This document includes statements from certain federal agencies. It may be updated in the future.

- **Statement from the Small Business Administration (SBA)**  
*Data showing the identity of borrowers under the SBA's Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) is not available on USAspending, but can be found on [SBA.gov](https://www.sba.gov). In releasing PPP loan data to the public, SBA is maintaining a balance between providing transparency to American taxpayers and protecting small businesses' confidential business information, such as payroll and personally identifiable information.*
- **Statement from the Department of the Treasury (Treasury)**  
*Economic Impact Payments are an advance payment of a new temporary tax credit that eligible taxpayers can claim on their 2020 return. Similar to other tax credits and refunds, individual amounts are not considered financial assistance under the DATA Act that would be reported on an individual recipient basis. Total aggregate amounts related to these payments can be identified by Treasury Account and program activity.*
- **Statement from the Department of Labor (Labor)**  
*As of June 2020, Labor was not able to report any records to USAspending showing the geographic distribution of payments made through the Federal Unemployment Compensation Program from the Employment and Training Administration. The source file for this information has been identified; however, creating the file is complex which required additional time. Labor plans to report this information, along with July data, in the August reporting period.*
- **Statement from the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)**  
*HHS awarded Provider Relief Funds (PRF) funds to a single entity, located in Utah, that in turn made direct PRF payments to recipients. HHS recommends that we work with Treasury immediately to provide a reference for where more detailed information is available on the HHS TAGGS site found at <https://taggs.hhs.gov/Coronavirus>. At present, the PRF recipient information HHS publicly posts does not contain unique identifier data, which is a required data field for USAspending submissions. HHS will explore a longer-term solution for transmitting PRF payment recipient information to USAspending without transmitting personally identifiable information.*
- **Statement from Department of Agriculture (USDA)**  
*USDA has identified a reporting issue with outlays which has impacted our USAspending data. The outlay data is properly reported in files A and B, but for File C was unreported. USDA projects that our outlay data will be resolved before July Period 10 reporting begins. USDA is also investigating a DEFC mapping issue which impacts a small number of records. We are working to get this resolved as soon as possible.*

Users should also note that, due to the timing of when M-20-21 went into effect, awards issued in March 2020 that were funded by the Coronavirus Preparedness and Response Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2020 or the Families First Coronavirus Response Act may not be tagged with a DEFC in USAspending data.